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## This week at Taylor

**Campus ministries is now holding auditions** for those who would like to participate in the chapel worship team.

Applications can be found in the campus ministry's office and are due by Sept. 13th.

Auditions will be on Sept. 14.

**Due to mass renovations,** WTUR must empty their studios.

They will be holding a CD give-away on Tuesday, Sept. 10. Come to the DC and take all the CDs you can carry.

**Auditions for the play "The Miracle Worker"** will be held Monday, Sept. 9 and Tuesday, Sept. 10 from 3-6 p.m.

The sign-up sheet and other information can be found in the CA Theatre Office, which is open daily from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

This year's production dates will be Nov. 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16.

**This Saturday morning** from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. ICC will host their annual Boat Regatta along with other SAC activities at the Taylor lake.

Teams must build a boat out of cardboard and duck tape and then the boats will be raced across Taylor lake.

**The last day students** can return books to the bookstore is Monday, Sept. 9. No money will be refunded after this date.

*"Buy the truth and do not sell it; get wisdom, discipline and understanding."*

Proverbs 23:23

## Gruendyke named new campus pastor



Photo by Bryan Smith

**REV. RANDALL GRUENDYKE WAS RECENTLY HIRED** as campus pastor at Taylor after a lengthy search by a search committee. Gruendyke replaces Dr. Richard Allen Farmer, who resigned.

BY JOE CRESSMAN  
NEWS EDITOR

Taylor University's search for a new campus pastor came to an end last month when officials appointed Rev. Randall Gruendyke as chaplain for

Taylor's Upland campus.

Gruendyke, 41, who replaces Dr. Richard Allen Farmer, began his duties on Wednesday, Aug. 28.

"I am very excited to have Rev. Gruendyke serve as campus pastor," said Walt Campbell, dean of

students at Taylor. "His emphasis on preaching the word of God and strong relational skills make him a great fit for Taylor University."

Gruendyke was hired on Aug. 8 after spending two days on campus being interviewed by administration, faculty and students.

"They throw just about everybody in front of you," Gruendyke said, "from the president to the head of campus safety. It's pretty intense."

Gruendyke arrived on Aug. 28 with his wife Nancy and their three daughters, Margaret, Kelly and Abby.

"Taylor is everything that everybody has told us it is," said Gruendyke, "from a Christ-centered community to a caring community to a welcoming community. Everything is wrapped around community and we're grateful for it."

As campus pastor, Gruendyke will be responsible for facilitating spiritual growth on campus and directing campus ministries, including the student discipleship program.

When asked about his goal for the next year, Gruendyke said, "I think the question is 'What is the role of the pastor?' The role of a pastor is to equip the saints for the work of ministry and to shepherd them and pray for them. Equipping is really teaching them the bible and what it has to say in regards to Gospel ministry."

Gruendyke comes to Taylor

after serving 11 years as a pastor for college students at College Church in Wheaton, Ill.

He holds a bachelor's degree in history and biblical studies from Wheaton College and a master's of divinity from Talbot School of Theology.

According to Gruendyke, leaving Wheaton was difficult for him and his family, but they knew it was the right choice.

"About two and half years ago I started thinking about broadening my Gospel ministry among college students," he said. "I've learned a lot over the years at College Church and I've met a lot of people. I thought if I could take everything I've learned and share it with more people, then what a great thing. So when this came up it seemed the perfect opportunity."

Although excited about his new job, Gruendyke expects it to be challenging as well.

"I think the first year will be hardest," he said. "Just finding out what goes on, how it goes on, who the people are who are integral to making it happen. I think that will be my biggest challenge, just becoming familiar with the Taylor culture."

"I think the great thing about my coming here is that this community gets my wife too, who is my greatest asset and my three daughters. We approach this ministry as a family. Students can anticipate being invited into our home. We look forward to becoming a part of the Taylor community."

## Special services to commemorate Sept. 11

BY ELIZABETH DEMIK  
STAFF WRITER

In remembrance of the events of Sept. 11, 2001, Taylor University will hold two services, honoring those whose lives were affected by the tragedy.

The first service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10. The

service will be held in the Rediger Auditorium in cooperation with Mt. Olive United Methodist Church.

The keynote speaker for the evening service will be detective Richard Lewis, a retired New York police officer. Lewis, author of "Black Cop: The Real Deal," is the most decorated offi-

cer in the history of New York City.

Under the direction of John R. Brane, the Mississinewa Valley Band will provide music for the service.

According to Walt Campbell, dean of students, the evening service is designed to remember those who lost their lives on

Sept. 11, as well as those who serve and protect the United States.

The second service will be held during the chapel service on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2002.

According to Rev. Randall Gruendyke, dean of chapel, the service will begin with seven 'services' continued on page 2

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# Wengatz welcomes two new hall directors

By DAVID MAULDIN  
STAFF WRITER

Wengatz Hall has some new faces...besides the freshmen.

Steve Morley, a 2000 graduate of Taylor has become the new hall director, and Kurt Brodbeck, class of 2002, the new assistant hall director. Morley and Brodbeck may be unfamiliar to some people; however, their names ring true to the men of Samuel Morris Hall and especially Penthouse.

Both Morley and Brodbeck were both, at one point, PA's in Morris and with all the rivalry between Morris and Wengatz, some may wonder how they are getting along in what many Morris men consider "a foreign mission field."

As it turns out, extremely well.

"The Wengatz guys have been great," said Morley and Brodbeck in a recent interview,

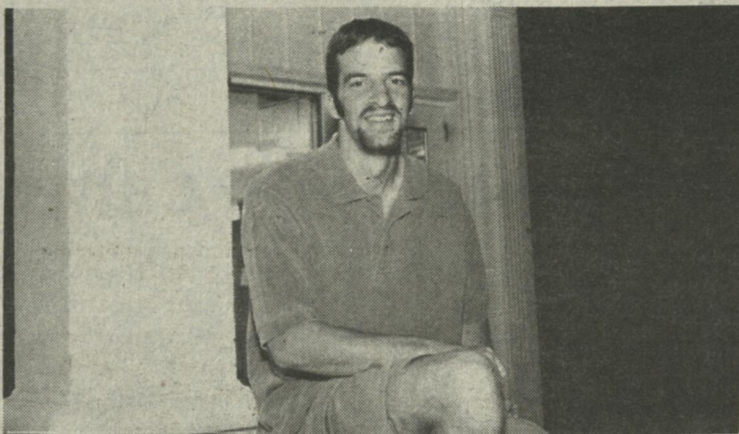


Photo by Bryan Smith

**STEVE MORLEY SITS OUTSIDE WENGATZ HALL** where he now serves as the new hall director. Joining Morley this year is new assistant hall director Kurt Brodbeck.

commenting that no one had made a big deal of them being Morris men.

"I feel fortunate to be inheriting a hall that's very positive," Morley added.

For Morley, the road to being a hall director started when he was a freshman in Morris. There he met a PA named John Meeks.

"I saw how he had a huge

impact on the floor," said Morley. This impact led him to become a PA his sophomore year.

As a PA, Morley saw the tremendous witnessing and ministry opportunities a leadership position afforded. He decided that he wanted to impact others for Christ, a desire that God used by leading him to become assis-

tant hall director of Morris, then to the hall director position in Wengatz.

Brodbeck's road was different than Morley's. He had always thought of being a PA as nothing more than a job. But after the death of a close friend he realized that "being a friend" could also be a ministry" and started seeing the job of PA differently. He allowed God to lead him to the position of assistant hall director where he could continue the ministry he had as a Penthouse PA. It is a ministry that he loves.

"It keeps me accountable," said Brodbeck. "I have to live up to the standards I set for the guys in Wengatz."

Morley and Brodbeck feel that they don't need to change anything in Wengatz.

As Brodbeck put it, "We're adding on to the tradition we have" - a tradition based upon what is known as the Wengatz Code, which encourages fortitude, wis-

dom, and stature.

"I desire something that unites Wengatz as a hall," explained Morley. That something is more service, he said, service to fellow Wengatz brothers, service to the staff of Wengatz, and service to the Taylor Community.

Though Morley and Brodbeck are now in Wengatz, they still respect their roots, and plan to use what they learned in Morris to benefit their new home.

"Being a man of Morris developed me," said Brodbeck, "it matured me."

"I want to tell and let Wengatz guys know that this is an important time in their life," said Morley, a man whose personal faith was nurtured by Morris brothers as a student.

Both men are just beginning their time in Wengatz and they don't know where God will lead them, but as Brodbeck said, the goal is "that no man will leave Wengatz without being challenged with Christ."

## Special services honoring September 11 (continued from pg.1)

chimes, representing the four planes and three buildings that were destroyed in the attack.

While the chimes sound, the lights will gradually go dim until the room is dark. Taps will also be played while four candles, each representing a major disaster site, will be lit.

Six individuals will share their experiences and thoughts about the tragic day. In addition, three people from last year's New York City trip will speak.

Jack Bradey, former member of the Grant County Sheriff

Department, will serve as the main speaker. Bradley has participated in many trips to Ground Zero and will come to Taylor from Indian Wesleyan University, where he works in the center for Life Calling and Leadership.

The chapel service will conclude with the song, "We Have a Story to Tell to the Nations." Gruendyke believes the lyrics to the song are an appropriate Christian response to the religiously motivated attacks.

"It is not condemning

Muslims," Gruendyke stressed. "It is recognizing that these people need the gospel. They certainly have shown the degree to which they will go, and that should certainly encourage us to be more vigorous in proclaiming the Gospel."

While the service will begin in darkness, it will end in light, symbolizing Taylor's forward-looking perspective.

The campus will remember the events and victims of Sept. 11 with a moment of silence in 8 and 9 a.m. classes.



Photo by Bryan Smith

**LAUREN WALTON OF 3RD EAST OLSON PARTICIPATED IN COMMUNITY PLUNGE** by painting the curb out on Highway 22. Many freshman 'took the plunge' to fulfill the community service requirement for PROBE class. For Taylor University's extensive orientation program freshman are required to complete community service and write a paper on the experience in order to get them use to Taylor's vision. Many upperclassmen also participate in Community Plunge alongside the freshmen.

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*"I have always thought the actions of men the best interpreters of their thoughts."*

-John Locke

## Senate prepared to represent student issues

BY WESLEY ENGLISH  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

You may not think twice about wearing shorts to chapel but at one time students had to think twice. Wearing shorts to the service wasn't allowed despite popular student opinion that it was all right. So Taylor Student Organization's Senate put a lot of thought into the issue which eventually turned to action.

Now, you can wear shorts to chapel.

Shorts aren't the only thing on Senate's mind, though. They've been representing student inter-

ests to the university about issues both small and large.

Consider Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

If it wasn't for Senate, students would have to attend class on that holiday. But they worked on the issue until they got students the day off. Students can now celebrate in what Martin Luther King, Jr. did by participating in a variety of activities honoring him.

Senate has also worked with the university to get Internet ports in the student union. They're the reason for fall break and for the student union staying open late at night.

"I love Taylor University," said

Patrick Rowland, Senate chairman. "That's why I do Senate -- to make Taylor better and to make people enjoy it as well as I do."

This year Senate will be working on a variety of practical tasks along with some wider campus concerns. They will try to get new vacuum cleaners for the floors, better lighting for the dorms, better outside lighting along the sidewalks and a revised parking system.

Senate will also be looking at the dancing clause in the Life Together Covenant. The senators will consider changing wording and perhaps even the meaning.

However, Senate is not stuck

working with just those ideas. They are open to and even depend on student involvement. Senate depends on the student body for ideas for change and backing on issues.

In order to make appropriate change, they need to know what needs to be changed and once they start working on an issue they need to know the students are behind them in their efforts. To show this, Senate will often use surveys to measure student support.

Each dorm has at least one senator to serve the residents. Students can take issues and concerns to their senator. Each dorm

has a display featuring the name and face of the senator so students can look them up. Senate meeting minutes are also posted in the same place. Students can also send ideas to [TSO\\_Senate@tayloru.edu](mailto:TSO_Senate@tayloru.edu).

One way students can both hear what's going on in Senate and voice opinions is by attending the Town Hall meetings Senate will be conducting later this year. Senate is the way for change and the voice for students.

If you are unhappy with something, don't complain. Talk to your senator about how you can change it. They're there and willing to help.

## Who's representing you?

### A comprehensive list of senators

Name	Dorm	Room	Phone
Jessica Maple	Bergwall Hall	BH 415	84415
Dave Roeber	Bergwall Hall	BH 210	84210
Emily Hamann	English Hall	EH 232	85499
Martha McGrath	English Hall	EH 313	85453
Hillary Whitaker	English Hall	EH 305	85443
Jason Ramsland	Fairlane	FA 2Q	unkown
Vacant	Fairlane		
Heather Carlson	Gerig Hall	GH 226	85669
Sarah Nurmi	Off Campus	JCB	998-0446
Stephanie Gruber	Olson Hall	OH 340	85098
Becca Lewis	Olson Hall	OH 227	85080
Christina Lucas	Olson Hall	OH 322	85607
Michael Cox	Sammy Morris	SM 334	85950
Adam Long	Sammy Morris	SM 335	85950
Patrick Rowland	Sammy Morris	SM 321	85794
Maria Baptista	Swallow Robin	SR 109	84239
Elliot Gruszka	Wengatz Hall	WH 139	85827
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*Throw your dreams into space like a kite, and you do not know what it will bring back, a new life, a new friend, a new love, a new country."*

-Anais Nin

## Gyertson shares vision for Taylor

BY RACHEL HEPWORTH  
FEATURES EDITOR

When Dr. David Gyertson joined Taylor University as president in 2000, he brought more than an impressive resume of academic credentials and a list of past collegiate presidencies.

His experiences in leadership, teaching, media and international travel range from serving as the president of three colleges to teaching in the Asian Theological Seminary in Singapore to working as a consultant for Disney's EPCOT Center.

Gyertson is actively involved in both television and radio, has published over 100 articles and papers on various topics, and holds a Ph.D. in higher education administration and management. But really, who is Dr. Gyertson? He plays the guitar and the drums.

He likes good war movies with lots of action. (His wife, Nancy, however, prefers a good "chick-flick.")

Speaking of Gyertson's family,

he is now a grandfather. His daughter, Andrea, and her husband now have a baby girl named Emma. They reside in California.

"With the birth of our granddaughter Emma, Burbank, Cal. has become our favorite vacation destination," he said.

He loves to fish, sail, and basically be involved in anything that gets him close to water. His hobbies include photography and stamp collecting.

Gyertson said he continually marvels at how God takes his wide, varied experiences and weaves them together into how to best serve Taylor.

"[Taylor] has its own set of unique strengths and weaknesses that God custom 'tailors' ('Forgive the pun,' he joked) His grace and guidance so that His desires for the distinctive institution he wants Taylor to be are achieved."

If the Lord blesses this year financially, Gyertson hopes the Kesler Student Center will begin construction, and plans for other



Photo by Bryan Smith

**DR. DAVID GYERTSON EXPRESSED HIS VISION** for the upcoming year in chapel on Wednesday.

remodeling, fund raising, and building will advance as well.

However, the most important change he would like to see happen at Taylor is more spiritual than physical.

"My greatest desires are for us to model biblical discipleship and to love God with our total being -- mind, body, soul, and spirit. My greatest goal for the university as a whole is that we

would be a place where God is able to work freely in our lives both individually and collectively."

Gyertson said this year he wanted to see the campus strengthen the commitment to academic excellence, while maintaining dedication to leadership development and "covenant community."

"I believe Taylor can be a

leader in turning out intentional disciples who demonstrate their love for God through 'tough minds,' 'tender hearts,' and 'hands outstretched in both competent and compassionate service.'"

Gyertson confessed that his heavy travel schedule does not allow him to be involved with his "first love" -- spending time one-on-one with students, and discipling them in their walk with Christ. Unfortunately, the majority of his time is spent on the road in a wide variety of meetings and speaking engagements.

He did say that he tries to spend as much time with students as time permits, and one way he does that is by trying to eat meals in the DC.

"I am hesitant to interrupt students so I will look for an empty table and 'hope' that some will join me. If you see me sitting alone, please come and sit with me! I would love to hear your stories about God's work in your life."

## Student goes around the world to find his voice

BY ELIZABETH DEMIK  
STAFF WRITER

This summer, one Taylor student had the rare opportunity to actively pursue two of his passions at the same time.

Stephen Becker, a junior vocal performance major, spent his summer studying music in Italy with the Opera Theater and Music Festival of Lucca (OTMFL).

Before his freshman year at Taylor, Becker toured Europe with the Ohio State University Theater Department. After attending his first opera in Italy, he fell in love with both opera and the country of Italy.

After learning about the OTMFL program, Becker said he could not pass up the opportunity to study opera in the very place where his passion began. So, although it was past the application deadline, he sent in his audi-

tion tape last spring. He was put on the waiting list and was accepted a month later.

"I did it on a whim," he said. "I didn't expect to be accepted."

The OTMFL is an accredited summer program of the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. It offers pre-professional students the opportunity to combine training with practical experience.

The five-week program was an intensive study of music, the Italian language and the Italian culture. The students began each day with two hours of instruction in Italian. The teachers did not speak any English in the classroom.

"I didn't know any Italian before I went," Becker said. "It was challenging."

Throughout each day, the students also participated in seminars, performances,

coaching, and voice lessons.

Becker took part in three major performances: selected scenes from *The Marriage of Figaro*, an Italian cabaret number, and *Falstaff*. In one performance, he was under the direction of Franc D'Ambrosio, from *Phantom* and *Godfather III*.

While in Italy, Becker and two other students lived in an Italian home. In his free time, Becker visited Italian cities and towns. He hiked, swam in the Mediterranean Sea, and attended an opera in Verona.

"I think it's important for people to travel, see different places, experience different cultures, and open up their world view and branch out," he said.

Becker's group, Studio Giovanni, consisted of 24 students from many different countries.

"At first, I didn't know anyone," he recalled. "It was

neat to get to know people from all over the world that are all into the same thing."

As he spent more time with the students, he became close friends with four other Christians in his group.



Photo provided by Stephen Becker

**STEPHEN BECKER SITS IN TUSCANY** outside a vineyard in Italy. He spent five weeks studying opera in Lucca, Italy.

"I was kind of shocked at the number of Christians I met," he said. "Opera is not known as being a 'Christian thing.'"

After graduation, Becker plans to apply to graduate schools to continue his studies in opera and voice training.



*It is better to have enough ideas for some of them to be wrong, than to be always right by having no ideas at all. -Edward de Bono*

## Memories inspire students to seize opportunities in the future

BY BEN WICKSTRA  
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT



Another summer has passed us by and we all have embarked on a new school year. For most of us, we approached campus anticipating all the stories we would be able to tell at the end of the year. Some of us hope to make to new friends while others simply want to strengthen existing relationships as their years at Taylor come to an end. We each seem to have our own agenda, but as a whole, we agree that it is good to be back.

The past years of our lives have shaped us to into who we are. Stories and memories linger on as though they happened only yesterday. These past events inspire us to create bigger dreams and achieve more than we ever

have. As the new year begins, it is because of this anticipation that we establish expectations for the year. Sets of guidelines dictate why we act and how we spend our time. We establish value within our schedules.

Every floor or house within the Taylor community is made up of students, like me, who look to the future. Because we are unable to predict what will occur, we rely on past experiences as a measuring scale for success. Reminiscing becomes a favorite pastime and we remember how great it was years ago. At this point, we are faced with a decision: either these memories allow us the flexibility to accept new adventures or they drag us down while leaders attempt new approaches around us.

Part of becoming a mature adult requires that we continually analyze new perspectives. During my three years

at Taylor, no two years have been the same because whom I interacted with changed. New types of retreats, conversations, floor arrangements, campus jobs, relationships and classes allow each year to be great. The value assigned to every term is not in what it copied from previous years but in the new aspects it contributed that were previously absent. It is because of this I look forward to this year.

The thought that we will discover new insights into living that we are unable to anticipate provides motivation for the year. This allows God to work effectively, without being confined to our expectations. At the start of this academic year, as we are placed into unfamiliar territory, it is comforting to know uncertainty is normal. The year has begun. Enjoy every random, predictable and surprising event with anticipation.

## Freshman experience is an inspiring time

BY CARLY MEREDITH  
OPINION COLUMNIST



From the minute I stepped foot on the campus of Taylor University, I felt at home. There were lots of college students with question marks on their shirts, representatives from various churches around the community and many PROBE leaders and students constantly questioning me as to whether I needed any help. I didn't have to ask any questions. I was actually approached before I could spit them out. The care and sincerity at Taylor University has very quickly become real to me.

I had many expectations for Welcome Weekend. I was anxious, yet excited at the same time. I was unsure about a lot of things, and a little stressed about the unknown. I went into my new freshman experience with nerves and mixed emotions, but I don't think I have ever had so

much fun in my life. I don't think I could even begin to choose a favorite between the time of prayer and praise with my dorm, communion by the lake, freshmen frenzy, the square dance, or the dedication service.

Everything was completely focused on God, yet full of fun at the same time. The people are so friendly here, and that also made Welcome Weekend a wonderful experience for me, and all of the other freshmen I have met. Everyone in charge was interested in getting to know the new freshmen as people. They were not only concerned with our names and where we were from, but also with deeper issues such as our personal walks with Christ, or the emotions we were experiencing as we entered college life.

I am so glad that I chose Taylor. While sitting at the dedication service on Friday night, God made that completely real to me. Taylor is an amazing campus, and I can't wait to see what God has for me, and how He will use me during my years here.

## Intense stress: the American way

BY NIKKI SCHULZ  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



I've tried yoga. I've tried deep breathing exercises. I've tried running, stretching and squeezing of those little "stress balls," and yet nothing seems to work. I don't

know about you, but for the majority of the day (except when I'm sleeping) I feel stressed! I wish I could blame this condition on being a senior this year, or on editing *The Echo*, but in reality it's not just a temporary state with me, it's a lifestyle.

I can trace my perpetual state of stress back to the third grade. During a week of standardized tests, I came to a question that confused me. I went up to the

teacher's desk to ask for help, and she said she couldn't give the answer. I was so intent on getting the answer correct that I started to sob -- I couldn't handle it!

Coming to Taylor, I thought things would be different. Hanging out with friends, sleeping in and watching movies seemed like a great way to keep my stress level down.

My freshman year proved my theory true -- it was just like summer camp! Ice cream socials, meeting new people and making time to watch Oprah everyday made life at Taylor a breeze.

My sophomore year, however, I gave myself an ulcer from working late nights editing the yearbook -- so much for living a "balanced" life.

Unfortunately, a stress-filled life is not easily remedied. Staring bleary-eyed at a comput-

er screen until 2 or 3 a.m. is a tough habit to break when it's a way of life. Luckily, I now understand that it's not just me, and not just because of campus commitments or course loads -- it's because I'm an American. Stress is life for so many, and relationships suffer as a result. Emotional sickness occurs. Mental meltdowns are commonplace.

Taylor professor Dr. Charles recently spoke about the idea of a stress-filled life in my Historic Christian Belief class -- affirming the need to live a de-stressed life.

"Velocity changes lives and velocity changes people," he said. "People crack if they don't slam on the brakes and get off [the stress train]."

As I begin my fourth year at Taylor, I'm ready for things to change. My schedule, now consisting of work, class, work

more, eat, work more, sleep, needs to be altered. Why? Because I'm missing out on life. I'm missing out on coffee dates with friends and stopping by Olson Hall to chat with my old wingmates.

I'm missing intramural games, evening coffeehouses and just sitting with my new roommates. I've already missed a great deal of what was supposed to be the "greatest four years of my life." I want to experience my last semester at Taylor University with everything it has to offer.

Perhaps you've lived your life like I have mine. Maybe you spend your days buzzing from building to building, hardly pausing to breathe.

I challenge you, as I challenge myself, to take time this semester to just "be." To sit. To read. To laugh. To allow your heart rate to slow for a minute and your eyes to close. Breathe deep. Relax.

## Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor must be received by 6 p.m. on Wednesday and be **425 words or less** in order to be published in the coming Friday's issue. Letters should include daytime telephone and signature. You can write us off-campus at: *The Echo*, Taylor University, 236 W. Reade Ave., Upland, IN 46989-1001. On-campus at: *The Echo*, Rupp Communications Building, or via e-mail: [echo@tayloru.edu](mailto:echo@tayloru.edu).

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"The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians who acknowledge Jesus with their lips then walk out the door and deny Him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable." -Brennan Manning

## The Good, the Bad and the Christians

BY NEVILLE KISER

A & E EDITOR

A church can be a dangerous place. In the early 90s, *Roaring Lambs* by Bob Briner, was praised by evangelicals. It emphasized that Christians were to be "salt and light" in the Hollywood-crazed world of art, movies and television. By stressing the importance of Christians serving in these "ministries," Briner suggested that this would "radically change your world."

But after reading Dave Burchett's unflinchingly honest book, *When Bad Christians Happen To Good People*, I realize that knowing where to be salt and light is not nearly as important as how to live as salt and light.

Burchett confesses in the book's opening, "I am a hypocrite." From the majority of Christian-authored books that I've read, very few begin as bold and broken as Burchett's. After the next chapter, you realize this is not your average Christian writer.

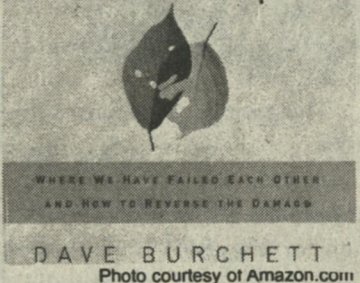
Despite what the title may have you believe, the book is not simply about people who have been wronged by other people in the church, it's not a pity-trip and it's not begging to be accepted in any way, shape or form.

The book is a simple, yet powerful study of the contemporary evangelical Christian faith. In the book, Burchett addresses everything from relativism to evangelism, and still manages to keep the reader smiling. His sarcastic and sometimes cynical tone will surely turn heads, and I must admit that I was laughing out loud at several points.

The greatest thing about this book is that it relies heavily on the Bible to support its arguments. As Burchett carefully attacks certain stereotypes evident in the Christian community, he doesn't lose sight of a Christian's responsibility to the Great Commission. Even better, he's not afraid to let his guard down and humbly confess his own shortcomings on such issues.

Another plus about the book is its personal and conversation-like tone. Each word is meticulously chosen and reads more like a person talking over a nice

When  
Bad Christians  
Happen to  
Good People



cup of coffee, rather than a book.

After finishing the book, I was personally touched by its truthfulness.

"In our human condition, it is a heck of a lot easier to confess other people's sins than our own. I can spot your sins a mile away

in the fog. My own are not as readily apparent to me," Burchett writes in one chapter.

Recently, I was reminded of how true this is for me in my life and in the lives of others. Thank God for a book that isn't afraid to tell it like it is, even if it means sacrificing the comfort of our own selfish pride.

Like Burchett did in his introduction, I must offer a brief disclaimer of my own about the book to any of you daring enough to read it.

For starters, it's a book for any Christian. If you are sick of living the life of mediocrity, then let this book give you an exhilarating breath of fresh air. Not only will it challenge you concerning when and how to "judge" others, it will encourage you to correct areas of your life that can make us all "bad" Christians.

The last thing that impressed me about this book, or rather the author, is his response to my personal comments. At the end of the book, there is a Website to which he encourages every read-

er to visit and give feedback. After I left my own positive words regarding his book, I was delighted to hear back from him. In his email, he was personal. It wasn't some mass-produced thank you letter. It was for me and only me.

I know that Dave Burchett is not this century's C.S. Lewis and I doubt that he will ever reach that level of importance and respect. But what a joy it was to know that he respected and recognized a changed reader when he read my comments. As I reflected on this email, I couldn't help but think of God's relationship with each one of us. When we are faithful and continue to seek Him, He reveals Himself to us.

This microcosmic picture of the wonderful personal relationship possible with Jesus Christ gave me an incredible feeling of hope. Hope for every one of us. Even if we are sometimes "bad" Christians, we all can take heart in knowing that God desires to know us personally.

## I Know What You Shouldn't Have Seen Last Summer

BY NEVILLE KISER

A & E EDITOR

It's a rare moment when I find myself looking for a gun in an overly air-conditioned movie theater.

Sadly this summer, there were times when I wished I had a gun. If so, the painfully unfunny and uninspired *Men In Black 2* would have surely felt my wrath. I would have shot so many bullets into the screen and film projector (simultaneously of course), that you couldn't tell Will Smith from Tommy Lee Jones. Perhaps then,

the regret of paying money for the ticket would be gone. I would even go as far to say that I wouldn't see this again even if it was the last dull movie on the face of an empty earth where no other human but me existed.

Another mild disappointment was the much anticipated *Austin Powers Goldmember*. Despite the invigorating opening sequence, the third installment of the British-crazed spy sparked few laughs. The sequel, I admit, was better than the original, but Director Jay Roach should've quit while he was ahead.

Which brings me to the action extravaganza *Triple X*. My only hope is that someday, the cast of *Mystery Science Theater 3000* will graciously allow this so-so adven-

ture to be shown on their little silver screen. The commentary possible there would be better than all of Vin Diesel's movies combined, I'm sure.

Nonetheless, there were some movies that fed my movie appetite just fine. The wall-climbing *Spider-Man*, the bewildering *Signs*, the charming *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* and the enjoyable *Bourne Identity* all succeeded on some level of entertaining the audience.

But none could compare to my favorite movie of the summer which was Steven Spielberg's futuristic, sci-fi thriller *Minority Report*. Leading up this near perfect cast was Tom Cruise, who thankfully redeemed himself after the meek *Vanilla Sky* and the over-the-top *Mission Impossible 2*. It's easily the most creative, intriguing and unconventional movie of 2002.

As for Will Smith, let's just hope his next movie doesn't have the words "Men" or "Black" in the title. If it does, I will not hold off on the whole "gun idea."



Photo courtesy of EW.com  
**WILL SMITH WASTES** his time on screen in the awful and unbearable *Men In Black 2*.

## TV Listings

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22.....	TBS
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"Set your goals high, and don't stop till you get there."

Bo Jackson

## Fall sports set to kick off 2002 seasons

### Football-

by Matt Hawkins.

A solid cast of players and a different attitude are the preseason strengths of the Taylor Trojan football team. The team has a tough schedule, playing four schools ranked in the top 25 of the NAIA Division II preseason poll. The men exhibit confidence heading into Saturday's opening game at Trinity International University in Deerfield, Ill.

"Besides having veterans back, our attitude is different. This team is ready and hungry to win," said senior defensive lineman Kurt Schwarz, who missed last year due to an injury.

Joining Schwarz on the line is junior Ryan Ott, who also returns from an injury.

In the middle of the defense, two of the three linebackers return.

All four starters return to the secondary with experience and should show noticeable improvement from a corps that was often burned last year.

On offense, senior Jeff Walton, who has spent the last two years at fullback, takes the helm.

The entire receiving corps from a year ago, including all-conference tight end Josh Kijanko, is back.

Transfer student Brandon Garner joins a strong backfield.

Sophomore Tim Jeffers is the lone newcomer in the trenches on a tough offensive line.

The schedule only features four home games this year, but next weekend's clash at Anderson is only a short drive away. They open this weekend at Trinity International.

### Men's Soccer-

by Andrew Slate

What should one expect from the men's Trojan soccer team this year after a winning season in which seven players departed? A rebuilding year perhaps?

Think again.

"If we play our game, we'll be a tough team," said sophomore Tim Howard.

With the addition of five newcomers, the Trojans are off and running with a 3-2 record so far.

On a team with one senior and only three players with more than a year of college experience, the newcomers will play a huge role in determining the Trojans' success this year.

"The freshmen have been great assets to the team," said sophomore Lance Barnett. "They're stepping up and playing big."

Junior James Hornaday also returns as Taylor's all time record holder for most points (goals and assists) scored in a season.

Freshman goalie Chris Bridges has gained confidence after recording two shutouts and is thrilled to have the opportunity to start fresh out of high school.

Coach Joe Lund is anticipating what could be a great season and Barnett issued the battle cry as he claimed, "watch out for the Trojans!"

The Trojans begin a three game homestand today at 4 p.m. vs. Ohio Dominican, followed by Cedarville tomorrow at 2 p.m. and league foe St. Francis on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

### Women's Soccer-

by Andrew Slate

The men's soccer team isn't the only team on Taylor's campus dominated by underclassmen. Sixteen out of the 19 Lady Trojan soccer players are either freshmen or sophomores.

Sophomore Annie Calhoun couldn't agree more. "The freshmen bring a lot of energy to the team," she said. "I think it's exciting [to look forward to the future]."

All-Conference first teamers Dana DiSanto and Melissa "Louie" Strohmaier return to the program looking to build on last year's 10-6-3 record.

Just like the men's team, the Lady Trojans took a trip to

Honduras in

August

Although the team played several games, Calhoun pointed out that giving away thousands of pamphlets explaining the Gospel helped to remind them of the purpose of the trip.

"It refocused us on why we were there," she said.

Expectations for the season are high and the Lady Trojans don't plan to disap-

point. Even though they opened up league play on Wednesday afternoon with a 3-1 loss to St. Francis, they expect to make a strong run at the conference title.

They travel to Sienna Heights, Mich. on Saturday and St. Mary's on Tuesday.

### Volleyball-

by Katie Shedd

The Taylor Women's Volleyball team is looking to return to the NAIA National Tournament this season. Coach Fincannon has taken her team to the Nationals four times in the past ten years. Last year, the Lady Trojans finished tenth overall.

NAIA All-American Kim Martin, leads the team as the only returning senior. Last season Martin received second team All-Mid Central Conference honors. She was also voted as Taylor's Lady Trojan. Martin backed that up by being named to the All-tournament team at the Houston Baptist Tournament that kicked off the season.

The team is faced with inexperience this year with the graduation of four seniors. The younger players must take on the role of an upper classman.

When asked about the future of the team Coach Fincannon

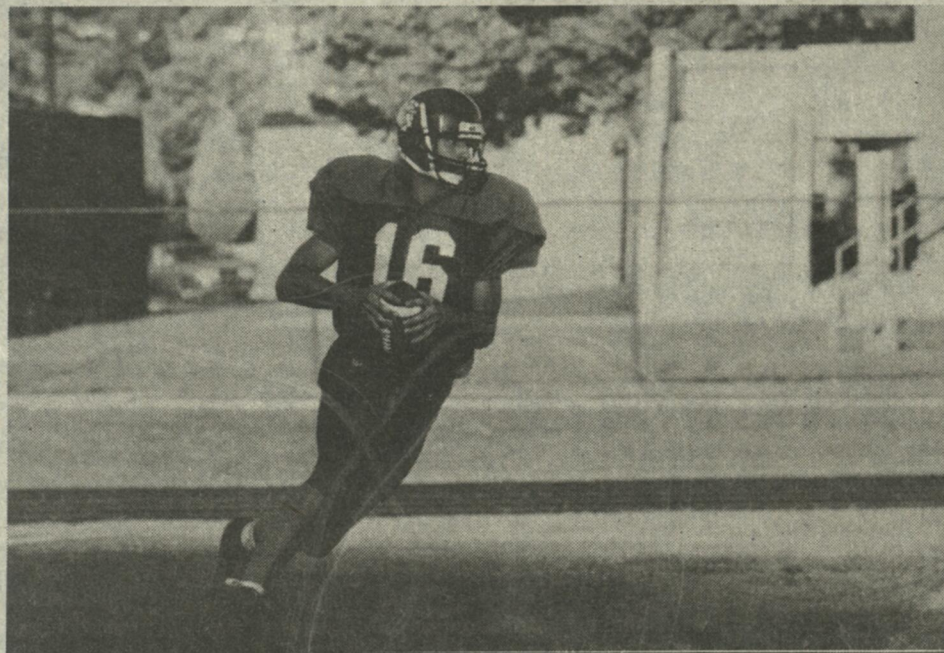


Photo by Cheryl Tjepkes

**QUARTERBACK BRYAN HAMROCK LOOKS DOWNFIELD** as the Trojans prepare to open the season at Trinity International.

said, "We have all the elements for success."

Their strength is in the middle -- allowing a more balanced attack.

"They have shown me everything and are so full of potential," said Fincannon.

This past Wednesday, Coach Fincannon achieved her 400th career win as the team defeated Tri-State 3-0.

"It was awesome because I

love them so much. They're just so proud to be a part of the program," said Fincannon.

Giving credit to her girls for her success, she said, "I'm humbled by the fact that they're out there doing the playing."

The Lady Trojans face their next opponents at the Madonna Tournament this weekend.

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*"It was indeed wonderful to think that every time we scored a point, two souls came to Christ."*

-Don Odle

## Gospel ball: Trojans spread God's Word in soccer land

By JUSTIN POTTS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Football, baseball, and basketball may be the three main sports in America, but to the rest of the world, soccer is what they live for. The Taylor Men's Soccer team found that out last month when they traveled to Honduras to play some friendly matches and spread the Gospel.

The team first arrived in the city of San Pedro Sula, where they handed out more than 600 brochures of the Gospel in Spanish. While there, they split up and combined with two local high school teams to play against each other.

The next day they traveled to Telamar, which is a Caribbean beach town. They were set to play a match against the Honduras under-17 National Team, but the day of the game, their bus driver informed them that the local newspaper listed them as playing against the under-20 National Team.

The Trojans lost the friendly, but the game was broadcast on national radio and made front page headlines in the national paper.

The rest of the trip was spent in the capital city of Tegucigalpa. There, they had

a rematch with the under-20 National Team in the Honduran National Team's stadium.

Once again the Trojans came up short, but received national publicity both in the papers and on the news.

"It was amazing how much we were accepted and looked up to," said junior Drew Rundus. "We're just Taylor University, but being a soccer team from America, we made national news. To play their under-20 National Team in their national stadium and share the Word with them was unbelievable."

The final day of the trip was spent working in a camp near the city. The players and Coach Lund did whatever was needed to help the people of the camp which was used as a camp for young Christian children.

They also visited an orphanage and played soccer with the kids. They gave away gifts that they had brought as



Photo provided by Drew Rundus

**THE TAYLOR MEN'S SOCCER TEAM** with Coach Lund in the mountains of Honduras. The men not only played 'football,' but handed out over 7,000 Gospel brochures.



Photo provided by Drew Rundus

**THE TAYLOR TEAM WITH HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS** from San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

successful on the field, they achieved something better in handing out more than 7,000 brochures. They also had chances to share the Gospel themselves as well.

"Playing soccer gave us a great opportunity to share the gospel," said Rundus. "The people

there are so interested in soccer that they came to the game and were willing to listen to what

well as the brochures.

Though the team wasn't suc-

cessful on the field, they achieved something better in handing out more than 7,000 brochures. They also had chances to share the Gospel themselves as well.

### Fall Sports Standings (as of Sept. 5)

#### Men's Soccer

Team	Overall		MCC	
	W	L	T	WLT
MC	3	0	0	1 0 0
Gr. C	1	1	0	1 0 0
BC	2	1	0	0 0 1
Go. C	2	0	0	0 0 0
USF	1	0	3	0 0 1
TU	3	2	0	0 1 0
HU	1	2	0	0 1 0
IWU	0	3	0	0 0 0

#### Men's Tennis

Team	Overall		MCC	
	W	L	T	WLT
TU	2	0	0	1 0 0
HC	1	0	0	0 0 0
Go. C	0	0	0	0 0 0
Gr. C	0	0	0	0 0 0
IWU	0	0	0	0 0 0
MC	0	0	0	0 0 0
BC	0	1	0	0 0 0

#### Women's Soccer

Team	Overall		MCC	
	W	L	T	WLT
USF	2	1	0	1 0 0
IWU	2	1	0	1 0 0
Gr. C	1	1	0	0 0 0
HC	1	0	0	0 0 0
MC	0	1	0	0 0 0
BC	0	4	0	0 0 0
TU	1	1	0	0 1 0
Go. C	0	1	0	0 1 0

#### Women's Tennis

Team	Overall		MCC	
	W	L	T	WLT
MC	1	0	0	0 0 0
BC	0	0	0	0 0 0
Go. C	0	0	0	0 0 0
IWU	0	0	0	0 0 0
TU	0	0	0	0 0 0
HC	0	0	0	0 0 0
USF	0	0	0	0 0 0
Gr. C	0	1	0	0 0 0

#### Men's Cross Country

Finished third in Aug. 31 meet at Anderson University.

#### Women's Cross Country

Finished second in Aug. 31 meet at Anderson University.

#### Football

Opens season tomorrow at Trinity International University.

### TU INTRAMURALS

Attention wing rebs! Deadline for handing in your football team roster is 9/12 by noon. Games start Monday, 9/16. Pick up a sign-up sheet in the athletic dept. If you haven't already.

Attention seniors! If you live off campus and would like to play, e-mail Jared Thompson or Rebecca Marialke.

Refs with experience needed! E-mail Barry Walsh if interested.



### Lady Trojan Volleyball

vs.

Manchester College

7:00 Tuesday

Odle Gymnasium

Pizza Hut and Bob Evans will be giving away gift certificates as prizes for activities in-between games.